



Oak Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

Here is an outline of the curriculum children in Willow Class will be covering this term.

English

In English we are studying several texts including *The Princesses' Blankets* by Carol Ann Duffy, *Holes* by Louis Sachar and *Skellig* by David Almond. The children will be practicing their reading and comprehension skills by summarizing and making inferences. It would be really helpful if you encourage your child to read a variety of quality texts of different styles. This helps hugely with their writing skills

Maths

This term, we will be reviewing and extending the children's knowledge of the four operations and applying this to solving real life, multi-step problems. The children will be working on the order of operations (BODMAS), positive and negative integers, algebra, place value, decimals, calculating with fractions, percentages and ratio and proportion. They will be collecting, presenting and interpreting data and statistics using graphs and charts.

The children will be looking at measures: length, mass, area, perimeter, volume, temperature - reading different scales and securing the use and conversion of metric measurements. They will also be studying co-ordinates and 2D shapes in the four quadrants including rotation and translation.

Science

In Science this term, the children will be looking at evolution. They will be investigating how animals and plants are classified and will research how animals are adapted to different habitats. After completing this topic, the children will then be learning about Evolution and Inheritance: how living things have changed over time; that living things produce offspring that vary and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Computing

The children will be using IT throughout their curriculum work and extending their knowledge of how IT to support independent learning and investigation.

Children will also be taught to be aware of the issues around using the internet and E-Safety.

PE (Wednesday)

In PE this term, the children will be learning different ways of keeping fit. They will be developing their football and ball skills. We have also taken part in the athletics event at Hanley Castle High School and are looking forward to Bell Boating later in the term.

RE

In RE this term, the children will be learning about Buddhism and the beliefs and traditions associated with this.

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History, Geography and art

Our topic this term is the Romans. We are looking in particular at the Roman Empire and the Roman invasion of Britain. Our research focus is also on the Roman Army. This feeds into History, Geography and also Art as we will be looking at creating Roman mosaics.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on the following Friday. There will be maths and English homework. Children need to have their reading record in school on a Wednesday only. They should be recording their reading and responses in their record throughout the week so they need to keep it at home for the rest of the week.

Hints to Help Your Child

- Provide a clear and quiet working space.
- Allow time for homework to be completed to a **good** standard and encourage the use of a dictionary and thesaurus to expand vocabulary and check spellings
- Encourage your child to read every day
- Encourage your child to organise their homework themselves
- Homework diaries need to be with the children every day

Thank you for your invaluable support; it makes so much difference to your child's progress and success.

Mrs Curthoys